Manufacture of Ice Cream by Mother Dairy

1712. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Small-scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries is contemplating to prosecute the National Dairy Development Board's Mother Dairy for manufacturing ice-cream, reserved for the small-scale sector;

(b) whether the two crucial sectors of Indian dairying the private and the co-operatives are making a united bid to pre-empt any move by the multi-nationals like the Brooke Bond and Lipton India Ltd. to capture the Dairy products markets in the wake of economic liberalisation and the recently, concluded Uruguay Round of GATT; and

(c) if so, what is Government's policy to allow multinationals to capitalise on the vast potentials of the Indian dairy market and undertake manufacture of ice-cream and other products reserved for the small-scale sector and enforce the provisions of reservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The infomation will be collected and laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Supply of DMS Milk

1713. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that acute shortage occurred in Delhi during August-September this year leading to a cut in supplies under the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme and later forcing DMS to restrict their supplies to double tonned milk only to be sold at Rs. 6 Kg. against Rs. 7/- kg. for tonned milk; and

(b) if so, the details of the reasons and circumstances leading to this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) While the supply of milk by the DMS was at a normal level in August, 1994, in September, 1994 the supply was curtailed by about 20 per cent and double tonned milk was supplied for the period from 10.9.94 to 13.10.94.

(b) The reasons for the shortage are as under :—

(i) Availability of raw fresh milk follows as cyclic pattern of flush (January, February, November and December) transitory (March, April, September and October) and lean (May to August) seasons and decline in procurement of raw fresh milk during lean and transitory period is a natural phenomenon.

(ii) use of larger quantities of milk for producing ghee as the price of ghee shot up during August-September, 1994.

Hike in the Prices of Mother Dairy Milk

1714. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been steep hike in the prices of the Mother Dairy milk booth full-cream as well as tonned; since 1st February, 1995 whereas there has been no such hike announced by the Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of times the price of the milk was increased during 1994;

(c) the steps taken to withdraw the hike;

(d) whether complaints have been received about the poor quality of the milk emitting smell if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the complaints were investigated and corrective measures taken: and

(f) if so, whether Government propose to review its decision to bring down the prices of milk in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) With effect from 1st February, 1995, the Mother Dairy has revised the consumer prices of milk as below:—

	Rs.
Full Cream Milk . . .	12.50
Toned Milk	8.50
Toned Milk in Polypack .	9 50

The hike in price is on account of increased prices to be paid for procurement of milk and with a view to maintain the viability of operation of Mother Dairy.

(d) and (e) No Sir, there has been no such complaints.

(f) The Mother Dairy is a subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board and they enjoy freedom to determine the sale price of milk.

Declining Investment in Agriculture

1715. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that capital investment is declining in agriculture;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details about the invtstments in different agriculture related sector;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item in "The Observer" Daily published on 8th March, 1995 captioned "Farm Sector may be opened up";

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether Government are considering to give contracts to private sector for farming on Government land to boost agricultural production; and

(f) whether Goverment propose to allow farmers to become share holders in the large scale pooled farming in collaboration with the private industrial or investment sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): a) Capital investment in agricultural during the last five years, i.e. since 1988-89 to 1993-94 has not shown decline in trend.

(b) The investment in agriculture related sector increased from Rs. 4347 crores in 1988-89 to Rs. 4695 crores in 1993-94 at constant prices of 1980-81;

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As a part of the policy in Macroeconomic Reforms and trade liberalization, agriculture sector may also received

(e) and (f) As present there is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

Price control under New Drug Policy

1716. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTLIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the New Drug Policy only 74 medicines have been retained in the price control list